## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-280-C - ORDER NO. 93-681 √

JULY 29, 1993

IN RE: Request of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. for Reduced Regulation GRANTING of its Interexchange Services PETITION TO INTERVENE OUT-OF-TIME

On April 26, 1993, AT&T Communications of the Southern

States, Inc. (AT&T) filed a Petition with the Public Service

Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) requesting the

Commission to adopt certain of its proposals which would reduce

the regulatory oversight of its operations in South Carolina. The

Notice of Filing dated May 10, 1993 specified that any person who

wished to participate in the hearing as a party of record with a

right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in

accordance with the Commission's procedures on or before June 28,

1993.

On July 13, 1993, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) petitioned the Commission to be allowed to intervene out-of-time as a formal party of record in this proceeding. MCI stated that it was unaware of the potential impact of AT&T's Petition, and this caused it to fail to file in a timely fashion. MCI states that, in its opinion, no prejudice will be suffered by any party nor will granting of the Petition cause any delay in this

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proceeding. MCI further states that it has a vital interest in the above-captioned proceeding, and should therefore, be permitted to intervene.

The Commission has examined this matter and agrees with MCI that no prejudice will be suffered by any party nor will allowing MCI to intervene out-of-time cause any delay in this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission believes that MCI's Petition to Intervene Out-of-Time should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- MCI's Petition to Intervene Out-of-Time is hereby granted.
- 2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE Chairman Mitchell

ATTEST:

Depay Executive

(SEAL)